

Let Mother Wear and the Family Enjoy  
**ORCHIDS ON EASTER, MOTHER'S DAY**

Our Living Plants — Bear Orchids for Weeks and Months!

Holmes Ships Postpaid Anywhere in Florida — Order Today.



**"Rainbow" EPIDENDRUM Orchids**

Every color but blue! Blooms a dozen dainty brilliant orchids at a time on long graceful stems — followed by dozen after dozen for six months at a stretch! One plant is an almost perpetual orchid garden — guaranteed to bloom for you, too! Could any gift be more delightful, more enduringly endearing! And for Easter and Mother's Day we've sorted out only blooming size plants at prices you won't believe. The larger size gives twice the blooms. Just two short years ago, before Holmes did it, these same size plants sold for \$5 to \$15! Don't wait — they'll sell fast. Order by mail today, or rush out to nursery.

Blooming Size, Reg. \$2.40, postpaid **\$1.40**  
Special! **\$5.00** 10 for **\$10.00**  
4 for  
Large, Blooming Size, Reg. \$3.40, postpaid **\$2.40**  
Special! **\$10.00** 10 for **\$18.00**  
5 for

**CATLEYA "Corsage" Orchids**

Just exactly what the florist sends when hubby orders for that extra special occasion! Purples, white, lavenders, usually 5 to 6 in. big! Often 2 or more per plant, and stays on for days and days. Order now, pick one for the Easter Parade, another for Mother's Day! And still have another shower of orchids when plant blooms again! Now in sheath and bud, ready to bloom in your living room. (Thousands more at Nursery!) **SALE PRICED \$7.40, \$9.90, \$12.40 UP**

Postpaid

**VANDA TATZERI — Exotic Foliage, too!**

Combines huge fan shaped foliage on single stems, from which bouquets of orchids emerge. Rated one of freest flowering of all large orchids, its massive blooms carrying 12 to 15 huge 4 to 5 in. orchids at a time. Richest rose-mahogany, tropical markings. Pick an orchid corsage a day, for weeks and weeks. Large choice plants, special for this sale, to bloom within a year. Postpaid or at Nursery **\$9.90**  
\$12.50 SIZE — Special

**THOUSANDS MORE ORCHIDS IN BLOOM AT HOLMES NURSERY NOW!**

See Florida's biggest display of Orchids! Not a "sideshow" or picnic grove — no animals, no birds, no hot-dogs! Just a serenely beautiful professional Orchid nursery where it's always OPEN HOUSE for you! Four big greenhouses, 2 sales salons, 2 big patios, and trees full of orchids — all sizes, all shapes, all colors, ALL ORCHIDS! Five times as many plants as last year! Hundreds of young Orchid plants from \$1.40 up — all varieties. Come out and thrill to this Orchid fairyland.

## HOLMES ORCHID NURSERIES

One-Half Mile South of Apex, U. S. 41  
18261 N. Nebraska Avenue P. O. Box 417 Tampa 1, Florida

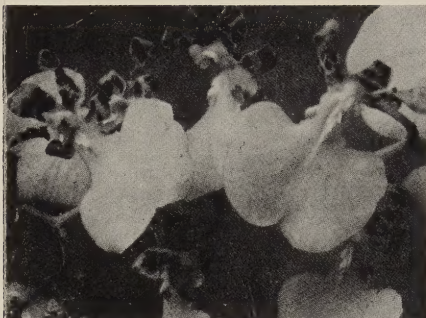
"Where Orchids Fell in Love with Florida"

## Only Holmes Offers Orchids Like These

### HOLMES ONCIDIUM

"The Dancing Girl Orchid"

**\$3.40 up**



Oncidiums are the gayest of all Orchids, and prove it with their abundant blooming and bright buttery yellow colors! Nick-named "dancing girls," they look the part—slim-waisted, with huge billowing skirts and multi-colored covering for their arms and heads. One of the most interesting and fascinating of all Orchids. Include them when you buy!

ONCIDIUM Cebolleta. Flowers from February to April. Orchids are 1 to 2 inches in size, borne on 2-ft. spikes. Lasts long, easy sure growing. Blooming size **\$4.40 up.**

ONCIDIUM Variable. Multi-colored; rust-orange, purplish mauve, chestnut browns. Spring blooming. Blooming size **\$5.40, \$7.40 up.**

ONCIDIUM Lanceanum. Produce sensation scented large flowers on long tall spikes. The flowers are very interesting and are rich rose and dark brown. The large grotesque leaves are extremely interesting being highly spotted and the roots produced in thick masses add still another interesting touch. We find them ideal for trees, slab mountings and baskets. They do quite well in almost full sun. Good strong plants, 3, 4 and 5 years old. Some will bloom in 1 and 2 years. Choice sizes sooner.

Small sizes **\$1.90, \$2.40**

Medium sizes strong plants **\$2.90, \$3.40, \$3.90 up.**

Choice sizes strong plants **\$6.40 to \$9.90 up.**

ONCIDIUM Sphacelatum. Our most prolific variety. Sometimes one specimen with two to ten spikes produces several hundred blooms in a season. Grows equally well in half sun. We've priced this variety especially low. Be sure to try it.

Small plants **\$3.90 to \$4.90**

Large plants **\$7.40, \$9.90, \$14.90 up.**

### CHYSIS BRACDESCENS

The truly tropical-looking Orchid! Its heavy-textured white blooms are fragrant, range 2 to 4 in. in size. Everything you could want in any Orchid. But Chysis gives you more—grows huge pseudobulbs from its base—spindle shaped and about one foot long. Nothing is more interesting in baskets, on trees or mountings.

Amaze your Garden with HOLMES Astounding New

## FLYING BIRD OF PARADISE

● Flowers High Above Plant!

● Does Not "Nest" in Foliage!



Now, with the advent of Holmes FLYING BIRD OF PARADISE, this exotically brilliant flower is the most gorgeous living outdoor bouquet you've ever seen! For the first time, its Glittering Blue and Flaming Orange blooms "fly" high above its foliage for all to see and enjoy — instead of "nesting" down in the plant like most former kinds. Yes, literally "fly" — beckoning, soaring, swinging on longest, tallest stems ever seen!

And not just one or two huge blooms — each one larger than your hand! — but up to a dozen and more on mature plants. Imagine the beauty, the thrill, every time you glimpse it.

This rare treat can be yours only at Holmes Nursery. Holmes found this rare new tall-stemmed "flying" variety in just one place in Hawaii last year—bought up all available young plants, seeds.

This new FLYING BIRD OF PARADISE thrives in our nursery gardens. Will bloom from April 'til end of January. Think of it! Blooms to dominate all your bouquets — blooms that last a month. Special introductory prices:

Husky, strong, well rooted plants

4-in. pots, size 2 year. **\$1.50**

6-in. pots, size 3 year. **\$3.00**

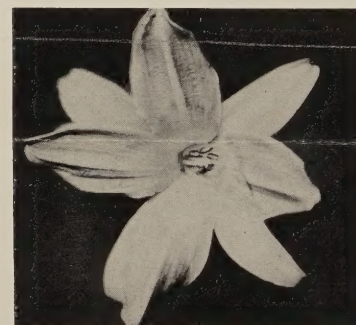
Bare root plants, 5 year. **\$7.40**

Post Paid in Florida

Now! Right from Prize Winning Beds to You!

Match 1954's Newest \$1.00 to \$2.50 Varieties . . . Low as 29c

## Holmes Exclusive Royal Daylilies



100 startling new giant and dwarf varieties! All first time ever offered for sale. All new, improved bigger flowering fuller blooms, with broader petals, fancier shapes, and a whole new range of clearer, brighter, richer colors.

10,000 plants direct from the famous Wheeler breeding plots, they're companion plants to 16 of 1954's prize-winning named varieties selling at \$2.50, \$5.00 and more. We'll guarantee only a super-expert daylily fancier could tell the difference!

See them in bloom at our nursery now. (Or better yet, order by mail today, have them blooming in your garden!) You'll want dozens. They make old varieties (1953, 1952, 1951) look spindly, puny. All superb plants — tended, weeded, sprayed, cultivated, fertilized, full time, six days a week by one of our nurserymen. None labeled or sold by color, but guaranteed to please. In three selected groups mixed colors all Postpaid in Florida:

Group	Each	Per 10	Per 100
A	\$ .50	\$3.99	\$29.00
B	.75	5.99	49.00
C	1.00	7.99	59.00

Super Choice, Blooming — **\$5.00 each**

Will be sold in bloom, at our Nursery only. Unnamed — you can name one after yourself!

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# JUST FOR YOU MAGNIFICENT FANCY CATTLEYA ORCHIDS

*Direct to HOLMES from the Largest Collection of Orchids in Europe*

Holmes brings you 200 Matured Fancy European Hybrid Cattleya Orchids by Air Express from Burges, Belgium, directly from FLANDRIA. Be the first in the South to own these imported European Fancy Cattleyas. Come to our Nurseries—acquaint yourself with the following 18 Varieties. Now at these low, low prices, they will not last long. Come get YOURS NOW.

BC X RITA, LC X LUCIEN PAUWELS, BC HELENA, LC X PANAIR, LC X MANITOBA, C X MARIE JOSE, BLC LOOSDRECHT, BC X TRISIN, BLC X FLAME, BC X REGALIA, BC INGRID, C X JOAN McHUTCHISON, BC LIESBETH HACKE, C X HANNESTAD, LC X ROBNID, BC X SINELLA, C X SYLVESTRE, LC PURPURATA EXTRA X C TRIANAEL.

Some are large dark and prolific, others are large well shaped soft Rose frilled lip. Some are heavy textured, all are very useful for corsages and cut flowers and they all bloom in March, April and May when flowers are very scarce. If you want something thrilling, spectacular and choice, this is it. HURRY.

Large flowering size plants,

some in sheath, some with buds ..... **\$12.90, \$13.90 to \$17.40 up.**

Cash and Carry Only



## HOLMES VIVACIOUS VANDAS

*Bloom Furiously EVERYWHERE ALL THE TIME*

Most delightful of all continuous blooming Orchids. You will be fascinated and delighted with VANDA ORCHIDS. Their sensational beauty is for you to choose from over 300 lush, big blooming size plants in over 35 different types and varieties and in many different flower formations. Vanda Orchids are easy to grow. They need only a location that is sunny in the A.M. and shady in the P.M. They like ample water, fertilizer and the larger the plant the more spires of bloom. These massive flower spikes carry 12 to 15 huge 3 to 5 inch Orchids at a time and some of our large plants produce 2 and 3 flower spikes at a time and some flower 3 to 5 times a year and in addition some are delightfully fragrant. GET YOURS NOW..

Small sizes..... **\$4.40 to \$7.40**

Medium sizes..... **\$8.40 to \$11.90**

Flowering sizes..... **\$12.40 to \$17.40**

Ready to flower..... **\$19.90 to \$49.90 up.**

## NEW EVERBLOOMING

### HAWAIIAN DENDROBIUMS

Here's where nature ran riot with Orchids—combined everything in one variety! Look! Everblooming — flowers 10 to 12 months, **\$3.40** WERE with spike after spike of dozens of Orchids! Plants grow 2 to 6 ft. **\$9.90!** high, with flower spikes 18 in. to **4 ft. long!** This is the Orchid that the gardening magazines rave about. Colors galore! Shapes galore! Sizes galore! See them! If you want to turn a riot loose in your living-room, your garden, your trees—choose these! Every month is "in season"! No trick to grow; no tricks about caring for them. Plant them indoors, outdoors; add to your garden, your landscaping! It's all your dreams come true—in one Orchid! And, big news for you, Holmes prices are 75% lower this year! (Small sizes started at \$9.90 last year, large at \$19.90!)

Small sizes..... **\$3.40, \$4.40**

Medium sizes..... **\$4.90, \$5.40, \$5.90**

Large flowering sizes..... **\$6.90, \$7.40, \$8.90**

Big specimens..... **\$12.40, \$17.40, \$24.40 up.**

(Small size often blooms in one year, Medium same year)



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# HOLMES PRE EASTER ORCHID SALE

**ORCHIDS — The Perfect Gift For Easter and Mother's Day**

**Holmes Orchids Bloom In Your Home**

**OFFERINGS FOR APRIL, MAY AND JUNE, 1954**

Cattleya Mossiae, is the one Orchid that ushers in the Easter Season. For years it has been prominent, a top quality 5-6-7 inch Corsage Orchid. Its lush, big tropical beauty has kept Cattleya Mossiae always a top orchid and always in great demand at Easter. It has remained for many years one of the finest flowering and easiest to grow of all Cattleya Orchids. A big specimen plant often produces 6 to 15 big flowers, a small plant 2 to 4 Orchids, medium plants 5 to 8 Orchids. The color range is lavender with very pretty huge brightly colored lips; Magnificent, Showy, Vibrating.

Well established plants newly potted last summer in perfect osmunda. Robust plants in sheath—2 sizes. A SPECIAL PRE-EASTER Cash and Carry Sale.

Regular \$7.50—5-in. established plants in sheath.....**\$4.90** up

Smaller \$6.40—5-in. established plants in sheath.....**\$3.90** up



Cattleya Gaskelliana. A showpiece, huge 4-5-6 inch blooms with petals shaded lavender. A large brighter lip of very rich coloring. Excellent for pots, baskets and mountings. MAKE IT YOUR GIFT FOR MOTHER. Usually blooms May and June.

Regular \$7.50—5-in. established plants in sheath.....**\$4.90** up

Smaller \$6.40—5-in. established plants,  
some in sheath.....**\$3.40** up

HOLMES CATTLEYA Gigas. For summer bloom, huge big corsage Orchids. Very free flowering, requires lots of light for good bloom.

Regular \$7.50—5-in. established plants,  
flowering size.....**\$4.90** up

Smaller \$6.40—5-in. established plants.....**\$3.90** up

## HOLMES AMAZING HAWAIIAN NEW CATTLEYA ORCHIDS!!

Last summer Holmes made a special trip to Hawaii just to bring these new "years ahead" Orchids back to you. We have been flowering them regularly ever since last October. Now for EASTER and MOTHER'S DAY, we expect to bloom 100 to 200 lush, tropical, FANCY CATTLEYA ORCHIDS—All are LC and BLC and Choice Rare Hybrids.

All sizes, all colors, all ready to bloom.

Your choice.....**\$9.40, \$12.40, \$17.40, \$19.90** up



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